(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether various associations of the Small Scale Industries in the country have been consulted on such dereservation; and

(d) if so, the details of their response?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) and (b) In the Union Budget, 2002-2003 presented in Parliament on 28th Febraury 2002, Government have proposed the dereservation of over 50 items of knitwear, certain agricultural implements, auto components, some chemicals & drugs and others.

(c) and (d) The issue of reservations/dereservation of items for exclusive manufacture in the small scale industrial sector is examined on a continual basis by the Government and is based on the recommendations of the Advisory Committee constituted under the Industries Development & Regulation Act, 1951. In addition, the Ministry of Small Scale Industries also consults stakeholders regarding various entries in the list. Items are considered for dereservation based on such reviews and consultations.

Sick Industries in Andhra Pradesh

1313. SHRI SOLIPETA RAMACHANDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of small scale industries in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) the number of small scale industries declared as sick, industry-wise;

(c) the number of workers engaged in these industries, industry-wise and

(d) the steps taken/being taken by Government to review these industries and tackle the sickness problem?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA

RAJE): (a) As per information received from Government of Andhra Pradesh, the number of registered Small Scale Industries in Andhra Pradesh upto 31.12.2001 was 1,87,737.

(b) and (c) The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) compiles data on sick SSI units financed by Scheduled commercial banks. As per RBI, there were 22,841 sick SSI units in Andhra Pradesh at the end of March, 2001, which were employing 94,728 workers. The information on industry-wise sick SSI units in different States and on number of workers engaged in these industries separately is not maintained.

(d) Government is fully seized of the incidence of industrial sickness among SSI units and has taken various measures to facilitate timely identification and rehabilitation of potentially viable sick units, which *inter-alia* include institutional mechanism in the form of State-level Inter-Institutional Committees (SLIICs) and District-level Committee to tackle the problems of sickness, Special Rehabilitation Cells in banks and State Financial Institutions, and elaborate guidelines issued by the RBI for extending rehabilitation assistance to eligible units. Based on the recommendations of the Working Group constitued under the Chairmanship of Shri S.S. Kohli, the then Chairman of Indian Banks' Associaiton, the RBI has drawn up revised guidelines for rehabilitation of sick SSI units, which include *inter-alia* change in the definition of sick SSI units, norms for deciding on their viability, etc. The RBI has circulated the revised guidelines on 16th January, 2002 to all the banks for implementation.

Launching of INSAT-3C

1314. DR. KARAN SINGH:
SHRI AIMADUDDIN AHMED KHAN (DURRU):

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether India has launched its third generation Satellite INSAT-3C in January this year; and

(b) if so, the details of success and salient features thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SPACE (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) Yes, Sir.